

Called to Invite Everyone

Sermon Outline (Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 and Matthew 22:1-14)

- I. Many felt called to leave Egypt during the Exodus.
 - A. Exodus 12:38 says many other non-Hebrew folks went too.
 - B. God showed them many miracles and provided for them.
 - C. Moses gone too long, they turned to idolatry w/golden calf
 - D. Ps. 106:23-God relented from destroying them when Moses interceded; God showed mercy to those sinful people.
- II. Marginalized people are called to follow Jesus.
 - A. Rev. Linda Kelly befriended & ministered to the homeless.
 - 1. Some were mentally ill, addicted or disabled.
 - 2. Have you befriended/ministered to marginalized people?
 - B. Not everyone will continue in faith. Our calling is to share the gospel with all but they must decide whether to follow Jesus.
- III. In Matt. 22's Parable of the Wedding Feast all were called.
 - A. Those who'd been first invited refused to come when all was ready so the enraged King had them destroyed.
 - B. Servants were sent out to invite "anyone you find."; both good and bad came and wedding hall was filled with guests.
 - C. The wedding guests were expected to wear wedding clothes which were given to them by the host. This relates to how we all must be clothed in the righteousness of Christ for salvation
- IV. Must be clothed in Christ to continue in faith/have eternal life
 - A. OT: Psalm 132:16 "clothe w/salvation" Is. 61:10 God "has clothed me w/garments of salvation; robe of righteousness."
 - B. NT: Ro. 13:14 & Ga. 3:27 "clothe(d) yourselves w/...Christ" Rev 3:4-5 "walk w/me dressed in white" vs18"white clothes"
 - C. Man w/out a wedding garment in parable was speechless, he didn't know how to respond. This raises the issue of:
 - 1. how will we respond if asked by God, "why should I let you into my eternal home, my heavenly banquet?"
 - 2. Our response should be "Christ died for me. He's my savior. His blood covers my sins-I'm forgiven. I'm clothed in Christ; I'm His beloved child."
- V. Holy Communion helps us remember God's love in sending Jesus to die for everyone's sins, so we can rejoice in His salvation.